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National Park and YMCA Collaborate in Summer Camp

New Bedford, MA – When thinking about summer camp, most people wouldn't mention national parks or history. But for some lucky campers at the Southcoast YMCA, there will be some local history mixed in with more traditional activities.

Due to a collaboration between the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Southcoast YMCA, campers will join in activities relating to the history of New Bedford. One day a week from June to August there will be various activities, led by park rangers and volunteers, within the National Park boundaries. These programs will focus on whaling, the Underground Railroad and the city's working waterfront. Scavenger hunts, arts and crafts, make-and-take projects, walking tours and living history presentations are some of the planned events.

This partnership will give children in the Greater New Bedford area an opportunity to discover the history of the whaling capital of the world in fun and exciting way. For more information, please contact Emily Prigot, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park by phone at 508-996-4095 ext. 6105 or by email at emily_prigot@nps.gov.

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States.

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